(4) Whether Mysoreans did not occupy the post of Traffic Manager and other high places in the State?

(5) Whether there is any necessity to employ a highly salaried officer as Secretary and Agent for our Railways?

(6) Whether competent persons were not available to take the place of Mr. Bury?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) to (6). This is being done now.

It is the avowed policy of Government to train local officers, and till such time that they are fit to take up positions of responsibility, it is necessary in the interests of service to import officers from outside the State.

MESSRS. SRINIVASA DIKSHIT, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD AND D. VONKARAPPA, SHIKARPUR MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the plans and estimates for the construction of an anicut to the Kumudwati river near Anjanapur in the Shikarpur Taluk so useful and imperative to the needs of the Taluk have been received for sanction of Government?

(2) Whether the order of Government sanctioning the project will be announced in this Assembly, as favourable consideration of the question was promised by the Dewan during his tour in the Shimoga District during January?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) Yes. They have been returned for certain modifications of design etc., and also information regarding revenue that could be realised, contributions expected, etc. This information has just been obtained from the Revenue Department to arrive at the financial aspect of the scheme.

(2) In view of further modification that was considered necessary from professional standpoint, it is not found feasible to announce sanction in the Assembly. The subject is receiving attention and will be disposed of as early as possible.

MR. C. RASOOL KHAN, ANJUMAN-E-ISLAMIA, CHIKMAGALUR.—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(2) The income, expenditure and the net profit from the Sandalwood Oil Factory, since it was established? and

(2) The net profit when the wood was being sold in public auction?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2). Sandalwood is an article for sale by Government and what is realised for it is its price, whether it is disposed of as wood or as oil and no question of profit arises. The system of treating one part of the realisation as profit and another as the value of wood was unsatisfactory and has been given up. The revenue realised on account of sandalwood, whether disposed of as wood or as oil, is ascertainable from published accounts under the head "Forest," previous to the opening of the Factories and from the year 1922-23, and under both the heads "Forest" and "Sandal Oil Factories" during the period when the revenue was shown under these heads.

MESSRS. A. VENKATARAMAIYA AND PATEL SHANKARAPPA, TARIKERE TALUK.—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The amount that has till now been expended on Tramway line from Tarikere to Narasimharajapura?

(2) The number of times the works once executed have been revised?

(3) The extra expenditure incurred by such revision?

(4) Whether there is any probability of revising them once more?

(5) How often the bridge work to the Ratawala Halla on this line was executed and the amount of money that has been spent over it?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) Rs. 6,53,983.

(2) Improvements to the line have been done in 20 places since the original construction.